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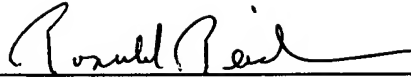
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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In response to the April 26, 2005, Patent Office Action, please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

- 1.) **Amendments to the Specification** beginning on page 2 of this paper;
- 2.) **Abstract of the Invention** beginning on page 3 of this paper;
- 3.) **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 4 of this paper; and
- 4.) **Remarks** beginning on page 9 of this paper.

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